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REMARKS

25X1 Three resistance movements are active in Albania:

1. The Resistance Movement of Muhraam BARJAKTAR

25X1 BARJAKTAR is a former gendarmerie commander,                       
 25X1                      who fought against the Italians during World War II and  
 25X1 against Enver HODJA after the war. His nationalist movement  
 favors the monarchy, and is the most popular movement in Al-  
 bania. It is strongly supported, particularly by the peasants,  
 and is believed to have about five thousand active partisans.

2. The Pro-TITO Movement

Most members are Communists who oppose HODJA, and therefore  
 "PRO-OSO". Others are prominent leftists who advocate good terms  
 between Albania and Yugoslavia. This movement is supported  
 with weapons, money, food and propaganda material from Yugo-  
 slavia. It maintains courier connections with the Albanian  
 emigrant center in PRISTINA. Communist and leftist delegates  
 of the movement recently met in PISNOPEJA, northern Albania,  
 and plotted against the HODJA Regime.

3. The Resistance Movement in Southern Albania

25X1 This movement                       
 25X1 strives to incorporate southern Albania, including KORTIZA  
 25X1 (CORITZAO                     ). The movement has not cooperated  
 with the two other movements, although all three movements  
 have expressed their willingness to take concerted action  
 against the HODJA Regime.

The HODJA troops and police forces have been unable to  
 suppress these movements, which are still on the increase.  
 While the movement mentioned in para 1 favors the monarchy,  
 the others favor the republic.

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